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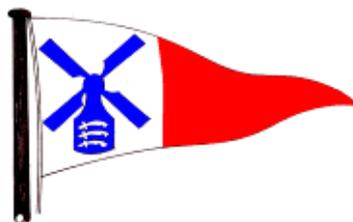
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IYC AGM

The new Committee are:

Valerie Deane	Commodore
Bob Hough	Vice Commodore
Kevin Turner	Rear Commodore Sail
Martin Dobbs	Rear Commodore Motor
Vivien Burling	Secretary
Roy Overland	Assistant Secretary
Ken Bill	Treasurer
Malcolm Hockett	Assistant Treasurer
Phil Rich	Mooring & Compounds Officer
Chris Irving	House Officer
Janet Mason	Social Secretary
Deb Cuthbertson	Assistant Social Secretary
Ken Hawkins	Sailing Secretary
Peter Kimber	Gen Committee
Dave Ayres	Gen Committee
Bill French	Gen Committee
Corinda helps-fursse	Gen Committee
Mike Edwards	Gen Committee
Sharon Bell	Gen Committee

There was nothing untoward at the meeting, in fact we started at 10.10 and finished at 10.50

Must be a first

Regards to you all

Valerie

Social Events

11th Dec:	Children's xmas party
17th Dec:	Christmas party night
26th Dec:	Boxing Night Quiz
31st Dec:	New Year's Dance

Cadets Report

Another busy year for the cadet section of the club and those of you that read the news letters will possibly agree. I feel that if the tides had been better than they had been on Tuesday evenings we would have been even busier. This has not stopped our cadets from progressing with sailing and rib training thanks to all of the support given to them from parents and other members of our club.

For those of you that managed to attend the annual prize giving at the club you would have seen how much they have progressed. About 6 years ago our cadets would not have had any real mention at prize giving other than a junior fish competition and the club junior jubilee cup. But cadets have moved forward and we have a Junior Helm of the year, Canvey Supply Cup race and Paul Metson Memorial race.

Cadets are taking part in the club Sunday racing in both mono hull and multihull, some as crew and some as helm. Some are taking trophies either as crew or helm which is great to see and long may this continue.

The RYA youth rib challenge training will start again in the New Year. The RYA has asked the Island Yacht club, and we have agreed, to host the Eastern Regional Finals of the Honda Youth Rib Challenge at our club on 23rd June 2012. Another event in which our cadets train hard. Over the past 4 years we have had an Island yacht club cadet representing the Island Yacht Club and the RYA Eastern Region in the finals, which are held at the Southampton boat show in September 2012. So put the Eastern Region Finals date down in your diary for June and come along and see just how competitive our cadets are, and hopefully we might go through to the finals once again.

I would like to wish all our members on behalf of the cadets, Karen, Mark, Chris and myself a Merry Christmas and Happy New year

Motor Boat Report

Well another season has come to an end for most of us, with the exception of those who have not come out of the water for the winter, and plan to use their boats throughout the winter season: May I wish you well.

And for those of you who have had their boats lifted out for the winter and plan to carry out maintenance. I hope the winter weather will be kind to you and allow you to complete on time ready for the summer season even if it does seem so far away.

There will be some courses arranged for those of you who wish to take part during the winter night's; these will be held at the club house. So please keep looking on the notice boards in the club house and on the web site.

I would like to thank the motor boat subcommittee for all the hard work they have put in this year and in advance for the time I hope they will put in next year. The first motor boat meeting of 2012 will be held on Sunday 22/1/12 at 11.00am in the club house.

Last of all may wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Martin Dobbs

Sailing Section

For anyone who is not aware;

Ken Hawkins is our new Sailing Secretary.

After many years of hard work Mike Edwards has stood down to serve on the General Committee.

Here is one of Mike's recent email circulations explaining the changes in the Coast Guard service...

I am writing to let you know that following the independent review of the responses of the second period of consultation on our proposals to modernise Her Majesty's Coastguard the Secretary of State for Transport has today announced the Government's decision. This can be found at <http://www.dft.gov.uk/mca/mcga07-home/emergencyresponse/mcga-searchandrescue.htm>

This means that we have now begun the process of moving to a national networked Coastguard operation with a Maritime Operations Centre (MOC) at its heart. We're also able to announce today that the MOC will be located near Fareham in Hampshire at a purpose built emergency services control centre that was originally designated as a fire control centre.

In addition to this centre there will also be Coastguard centres. at Dover, Aberdeen, Shetland, Stornoway, Belfast, Holyhead, Milford Haven, Falmouth and Humber all

operating 24/7. The London coordination centre will continue to be co-located with the Port of London Authority.

We are also improving the leadership of the volunteer Coastguard Rescue Service by strengthening the numbers of existing regular Coastguard officers based in these coastal communities and I'm also pleased to be able to announce that the Coastguard Rescue Service will be strengthened by an increase of 50% to the number of full time officers available to the volunteers for operational attendance, leadership and advice.

This will allow much more flexibility in the management and training of our volunteers and help to remove the current uneven distribution of Coastguard Rescue Teams between their management.

It will also give a greater presence of Coastguard officers in coastal communities and provide increased opportunity for interaction with other emergency services and coastal leisure and commercial bodies.

These officers will operate in teams with a focal point or operational hub. It is intended that these will be based in;

Existing Centres	Additional locations
Lerwick Aberdeen, Bridlington, Walton-on-the-Naze, Dover, Falmouth, Swansea, Liverpool, Belfast Stornoway.	Moray Firth Northeast England, Southampton/Portsmouth, Dorset, North Devon, Cardigan Bay, Strathclyde Oban/Fort William

This structural change is about the way the regular Coastguard service coordinates search and rescue operations. It is not about the UK's rescue capability. Although we are reducing staff numbers our new structure will give the UK a nationally networked Coastguard service that is resilient, effective and efficient.

I know that you like me will be acutely aware that whilst this announcement is the beginning of a new era for HM Coastguard it will a time of massive change for colleagues currently based in Yarmouth, Thames, Solent, Portland, Brixham, Swansea, Liverpool, Forth and Clyde whose stations will be closing before 31 March 2015.

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MOORINGS & COMPOUND

With the coming of the end of November we completed the last of the planned Winter Storage lift out's. A total of 47 boats out for the period. Thanks must go to all those who rallied round to assist with this operation.

Following the tidy up in the dinghy compound a number of launching trailers, with no visible sign of ownership have been placed at the far end of the main compound. Some have been claimed, but several more have not. If you think one of these launching trailer's is yours please claim and name it as soon as possible. Any trailer not claimed by the end of February, will be deemed to be unwanted, and re-cycled.

In the New Year we intend to start refurbishment on the smaller of our two Lifting Rigs, and this will start in the second week in January.

Happy Christmas to you all.

Philip Rich

IYC Boats for sale (More details on the IYC Web site)

FAIREY FISHERMAN	JENNY F	26ft	P.O.A.
MACWESTER ROWAN	MOUNTAIN ASH	22ft	P.O.A
SUSIE-B	GRP	28ft	£18,750
WHISKY JACK	TRIMARAN	13m	£18,000
McGREGOR	EMILY	26ft	£10,500
SADLER 25	NIPPA II	25ft	£10,000
TRAPPER 300	FLYING FOX	26ft	£7,000
VIVACITY	GRP	20ft	OFFERS

To the above include my Dart15, I haven't made my mind up yet but I don't think I am going to be fit to sail it next year so I am open to offers. Peter

Down on the waterfront...

Autumn has been long and wonderful this year and I know that a few people got away for a weekend or two during the period. We've had relatively light winds with an excess of temperature and lengthy periods of glorious sunshine which has confused nature too.

A lot of boats seem to have been left in the water this year ... for use or as a means of saving money on laying up? The former is the reason, I hope. It'll be nice to see more IYC burgees fluttering around the local waters during the winter months...

I had a first this year too, well, for a jolly long time anyway: I bumped into (not literally I hasten to add) a fellow club vessel in Stangate. It was a gloriously warm autumn evening and I enjoyed a beer in the chap's cockpit. Later there was a gorgeous sunset ... followed swiftly by an equally wondrous moon rise, beautifully coloured by the unseen sun. There were some twenty-five vessels in the creek that evening. Ah yes...

On the Downs above Hadleigh Ray, or Benfleet Creek as it is now commonly known, rests the tortuous course for the 2012 Olympic 'mountain' biking event, or all terrain riding as it should be known. Stephen Castle, Essex County Councillor (Rayleigh North) responsible for Economic Development, Regeneration and the 2012 Delivery Programme is asking for interested Essex people to come forward to act as ambassadors to visitors to our County during the 2012 games. It will be an opportunity to tell visitors about our area's wonderful coastal fringe.

"Ha..." I thought, "I shall be as far away from the hoo-ha as is possible..." But that is my opinion of it all. You may feel differently, so, if interested, please investigate and do something you may well enjoy. The views from those downs are something to be proud of: the estuary is a beautiful place. Canvey looks impressive too: it is far greener than many believe and much less than half the island is built on too... And one of the area's largest swathes of salt marsh sits along the island's northern shore.

The weekend of the 11th and 12th August when the romping around the hills of beefy or buxom riders takes place would be a good day for the cadets to be out on the water too: surely the world's cameras are likely to pan around a bit and notice these things ... Only they won't be able to: the tides are morning and evening, however, maybe a Ray Day, perhaps? Food for thought, Eh!

Walking back across the yard recently someone was heard to call, "Where's the boys...?" The question was referring to the work party, or majority: a few still loafed around awaiting specific orders and other such stuff. Those guys eventually left at around 3 p.m. after a late lift out...

"Boys..." someone guffawed, before adding, "... 'Dads Army' you mean..." He'd paused, perhaps to become serious, "...they're round the jetty..." There was some more

laughter but as it rippled around one felt a certain level of brotherly love. It seemed like it, I think! I smiled too: it was quite funny.

There's a serious side though because apart from one individual in that team, I saw as I passed by with a barrow load of tools for another job, all were the wrong side of 65. Many were into their early 70s. For how long will that team continue to serve the mooring committee? Many years more it is hoped, but where are the younger members? Where are they? What are they doing to help? There must be some, surely?

Recently the man who's been looking after the channel buoys mentioned that the chains needed an inspection and the point buoy needed a heavier chain fitted – chain's been readied too. He's not done it: he's had a damaged foot since September.

Volunteers a many are available to drop the new chain over the side of the work boat but, chain inspections? No offers there.

The chap discussed this with Workboat William and much against the grain it was decided to leave everything awhile. It led the man to consider for how much longer he'd be able to carry on mud walking out to those so useful buoys...

He got trampled in the rush. No, not for offers of help: the assembled mob scuttled away!

Recognise the problem?

Conversation overheard while a recent lift out was going on. One man was sauntering across the yard, hands in pocket, deep in thought ... another, younger, was up on the club's older lifting rig...

“Your boat ready for the water yet?”

“No still got things to do,” the thoughtful man answered with a look of resignation.

“You need to work when down here ... stop drinking all that tea ... do more, perhaps?” It's widely known the very first thing the chap does on arrival in the yard is to put the kettle on and shout “Tea!” to the boys... The man on the rig added, with a chuckle, “I'll have to speak to ... Err ... about you...!”

The man on the ground, horror struck, called back, “No don't, nor about all the biscuits too...”

“Ha” the rig man called excitedly, “...that gives me an idea...”

“No, don't!” was the strangulated call as the rig trundled away.

Water Rat

